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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office Communication that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on May 17, 2002 be extended for one month, to and including July 17, 2002.

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